

the cable exit trough being releasably mountable to the lateral trough section;

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wherein, when mounted to the lateral trough, the cable exit pathway extends transversely over the top edge of the upstanding side of the lateral trough section so that cable can be routed upwardly from the lateral trough section over the top edge of the lateral trough section.

22. (Amended) A cable routing system comprising:

a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section having a bottom portion and two upstanding sides extending from the bottom portion to define a cable pathway, at least one of the upstanding sides having substantially uniform height and terminating at a top edge spaced from the bottom portion; and

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a cable exit trough, the cable exit trough including a cable guiding portion having a curved cable exit surface and two side walls extending therefrom to define a cable exit pathway;

wherein the cable exit trough is releasably mountable to the lateral trough section with the cable exit pathway extending over the top edge of the lateral trough section so that cable can be routed upwardly from the lateral trough section, and then over the top edge of the lateral trough section.

36. (Amended) A cable exit trough mountable to a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section including an upstanding side terminating at a top edge, the exit trough comprising:

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an upper portion having a bottom trough surface and two curved side walls extending from opposite sides of the bottom trough surface to define a cable exit pathway;

a lower portion engageable with the lateral trough section;

the cable exit trough being releasably mountable to the lateral trough section without cutting the top edge and corresponding upstanding side;

wherein, when mounted to the lateral trough, the cable exit pathway extends transversely over the top edge of the upstanding side of the lateral trough section so that cable can be routed upwardly from the lateral trough section over the top edge of the lateral trough section.

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37. (Amended) A cable routing system comprising:

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a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section having a bottom portion and two upstanding sides extending from the bottom portion to define a cable pathway, the upstanding sides terminating at a top edge spaced from the bottom portion; and

a cable exit trough, the cable exit trough including a cable guiding portion having a cable exit surface and two side walls extending therefrom to define a cable exit pathway, the exit surface and at least one sidewall being curved to maintain a cable minimum bend radius;

wherein the cable exit trough is releasably mountable to the lateral trough section with the cable exit pathway extending over the top edge of the lateral trough section so that cable can be routed upwardly from the lateral trough section, and then over the top edge of the lateral trough section;

wherein the cable exit trough mounts to the lateral trough section without cutting the top edge and corresponding upstanding side.

Please add the following new claims:

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38. (New) A cable exit trough mountable to a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section defining a cable pathway and having an upstanding side of substantially uniform height, the exit trough comprising:

a bottom surface having a curved portion leading upwardly with respect to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius;

a side wall surface extending from the bottom surface, the side wall surface having a curved portion leading from a direction generally parallel to the cable pathway toward a direction generally perpendicular to the cable pathway while maintaining the cable minimum bend radius;

wherein, when mounted to the lateral trough, the bottom and side wall surfaces of the exit trough define a cable exit pathway that leads over the upstanding side of the lateral trough section.

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39. (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~38~~ wherein the curved portion of the bottom surface is a first curved portion and wherein the bottom surface includes a second curved portion located outside the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second curved portion leading in a downward direction relative to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius.

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40. (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~38~~ wherein the exit trough is releasably mountable to the lateral trough section.

41. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 40 wherein the curved portion of the bottom surface is a first curved portion and wherein the bottom surface includes a second curved portion located outside the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second curved portion leading in a downward direction relative to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius.

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42. (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~38~~ wherein the side wall surface is a first side wall surface and wherein the exit trough further includes a second side wall surface extending from the bottom surface and spaced from the first side wall surface, the second side wall surface having a curved portion which leads from a direction generally parallel to the cable pathway toward a direction generally perpendicular to the cable pathway while maintaining the cable minimum bend radius.

43. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 42 wherein the curved portion of the bottom surface is a first curved portion and wherein the bottom surface includes a second curved portion located outside the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second curved portion leading in a downward direction relative to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius.

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44. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 42 wherein a portion of the second side wall surface opposes a portion of the first side wall surface.

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45. (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~38~~ further including an upper surface extending from the exit trough, the upper surface being positioned above a bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section and serving to guide a cable toward the bottom and side wall surfaces.

46. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 45 wherein the curved portion of the bottom surface is a first curved portion and wherein the bottom surface includes a second curved portion located outside the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second curved portion leading in a downward direction relative to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius.

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47. (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~38~~ further including an upper surface extending from the side wall surface, the upper surface being positioned above a bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section.

48. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 47 wherein the upper surface is curved.

49. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 47 wherein the upper surface extends perpendicularly from the side wall surface and faces the bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section.

50. (New) The cable exit trough of claim 47 further comprising a flange depending downwardly from the upper surface.

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~~51.~~ (New) A cable exit trough mountable to a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section defining a cable pathway and having an upstanding side of substantially uniform height; the exit trough comprising:

B4 a body having a bottom surface, the bottom surface including a curved portion leading upwardly with respect to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius;

the body further having an upper surface positioned above a bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the upper surface having a curved portion which leads upwardly with respect to the lateral trough, the curved portion being sufficiently curved to maintain the cable minimum bend radius;

wherein, when mounted to the lateral trough, the bottom surface of the exit trough defines a curved cable exit pathway that leads over the upstanding side of the lateral trough section.

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~~52.~~ (New) The cable exit trough of claim ²~~51~~ further comprising first and second side wall surfaces extending from the bottom surface, each of the side wall surfaces having a curved portion which leads from a direction generally parallel to the cable pathway toward a direction generally perpendicular to the cable pathway while maintaining the cable minimum bend radius.

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~~53.~~ (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~51~~² wherein the upper surface extends perpendicularly from the side wall surface and faces the bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section.

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~~54.~~ (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~51~~² wherein the upper surface is a first upper surface and wherein the cable exit trough further comprises a second upper surface positioned above the bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second upper surface having a curved portion which leads upwardly with respect to the lateral trough, the curved portion being sufficiently curved to maintain the cable minimum bend radius, wherein the first and second upper surfaces are located toward opposite ends of the exit trough.

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~~55.~~ (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~51~~² further comprising a flange depending downwardly from the upper surface.

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~~56.~~ (New) The cable exit trough of claim ~~51~~² wherein the curved portion of the bottom surface is a first curved portion and wherein the bottom surface includes a second curved portion located outside the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second curved portion leading in a downward direction relative to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius.

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~~57.~~ (New) A cable routing system comprising:

a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section having a bottom and two upstanding sides extending from the bottom to define a cable pathway, at least one of the upstanding sides having substantially uniform height; and

a cable exit trough removably mounted to the lateral trough section, the cable exit trough including:

a bottom surface having a curved portion leading upwardly with respect to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius;

a side wall surface extending from the bottom surface, the side wall surface having a curved portion to guide a cable in a direction transverse to the upstanding side of the lateral trough section while maintaining the cable minimum bend radius, the side wall surface with the bottom surface defining a cable exit pathway;

wherein the cable exit pathway extends over the upstanding side of the lateral trough section having substantially uniform height.

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~~58.~~ (New) The cable routing system of claim ~~57~~ wherein the curved portion of the bottom surface of the exit trough is a first curved portion and wherein the bottom surface includes a second curved portion located outside the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the second curved portion leading in a downward direction relative to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius.

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~~59.~~ (New) A cable routing system comprising:

a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section having a bottom and two upstanding sides extending from the bottom to define a cable pathway, at least one of the upstanding sides having substantially uniform height; and

a cable exit trough mounted to the lateral trough section, the cable exit trough including:

a bottom surface having a curved portion leading upwardly with respect to the lateral trough section while maintaining a cable minimum bend radius;

a side wall surface extending from the bottom surface, the side wall surface having a curved portion leading from a direction generally parallel to the cable pathway toward a direction generally perpendicular to the cable pathway while maintaining the cable

minimum bend radius, the side wall surface with the bottom surface defining a cable exit pathway;

an upper surface positioned above a bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section, the upper surface having a curved portion which leads upwardly with respect to the lateral trough, the curved portion being sufficiently curved to maintain the cable minimum bend radius; and

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cont. wherein the cable exit pathway extends over the upstanding side of the lateral trough section having substantially uniform height.

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60. (New) The cable routing system of claim ~~59~~ further comprising a flange depending downwardly from the upper surface.

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61. (New) The cable routing system of claim ~~59~~ wherein the upper surface extends perpendicularly from the side wall surface and faces the bottom of the lateral trough section when the exit trough is mounted to the lateral trough section.
